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57. An apparatus according to claim 52, wherein said holder has a reference surface and holds said laser source unit such that a straight line inclined with respect to the reference surface passes the plurality of emission points.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

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- A multi-beam scanning apparatus has a multi-beam semiconductor laser which emits a plurality of laser beams, a laser holder holding the multi-beam semiconductor laser, a multi-beam light source unit having the multi-beam semiconductor laser and the laser holder, scanning imaging unit for scanning a plurality of laser beams emitted by the multi-beam semiconductor laser to form an image on a surface to be scanned, and a housing supporting the scanning imaging